

Consequences of Corruption

Isaiah 57:1-6

i. God's _____ from the Corrupt (v 1b-2)

- perish
- protect
- peace

ii. God's _____ for the Corrupt (v 6)

- position
- posture
- progeny
- pass

➤ When the Church is _____ she will be _____

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Study: Have you ever worked for or served under a corrupt leader?

1. In what ways were Israel's spiritual shepherds corrupt (56:10-11)?
2. What consequence is suffered by the righteous (56:9, v 1a)?
3. Why don't the corrupt "take it to heart" or understand (v 1, 1 Co 2:14, Jn 10:8-10)?
4. From what are the righteous "taken away"? By whom (compare v 1b & 53:8)?
5. To where are the righteous "taken away"? How is it good news (v 2, 1 Co 15:55)?
6. What group does Isaiah contrast with the righteous (v 3, Is 2:6)?
7. Why is sorcery/witchcraft associated closely with adultery (v 3, Ma 3:5)?
8. How did the pagans treat God's righteous people? Why (v 4)?
9. Why does God call them "offspring of deceit" (v 4b, Je 10:14, Jn 8:39-47)?
10. Why did God not relent of His judgment (vv 5-6)?

Apply

1. Why do bad things happen to good people (v 1)?
2. Is it right, as a Christian, to want evil people to miss us when we're gone (He 11:38)?
3. Have you experienced the principle under point #2 (v 6b, Mt 5:13)?
4. How does the cross provide a way to serve under corrupt leaders (1 Pe 4:12-19)?

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Pray

Pray that God preserves Christ's Church through righteous leadership!